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SUBJ: AD HOC COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY - 3RD MEETING
APRIL 18 A.M.

1. WP ACCEPTED CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTIONS TO DISCUSS PRO-
POSALS MADE BY GOVTS UNDER THE FOLLOWING HEADINGS:

1. SPECIAL MEASURES TO MITIGATE THE IMMEDIATE
DIFFICULTIES OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES MOST SERIOUSLY
AFFECTED BY ECONOMIC CRISIS BEARING IN MIND THE PARTICULAR
PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES.

2. INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT
(A) RAW MATERIALS AND OTHER PRIMARY COMMODITIES
(B) FOOD
(C) MANUFACTURES AND SEMI-MANUFACTURES
(D) GENERAL TRADE

3. FINANCIAL MATTERS INCLUDING ASSISTANCE TO THE
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

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4. TECHNOLOGY AND DEVELOPMENT

5. INSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS, FOLLOW-UP

6. OTHER PROPOSALS

2. CHAIRMAN STATED THAT DISCUSSION SHOULD NOW BEGIN UNDER ITEM 1, BUT THAT ONLY ONE COUNTRY HAD SUBMITTED A PROPOSAL UNDER THIS ITEM SO FAR (US). HE ASKED THAT COUNTRIES WITH PROPOSALS PLEASE SUBMIT THEM SO THAT MEANINGFUL DISCUSSIONS COULD GET UNDERWAY.

3. 10 COUNTRIES MADE STATEMENTS, ALL PRESUMABLY RELATED IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER TO ITEM 1 BUT WP DID NOT HAVE BENEFIT OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO STUDY. SUMMARY OF STATEMENTS FOLLOWS:

4. IRAN. PLUGGED FOR IRANIAN PROPOSAL MADE AT PLENARY: ARGUED THAT THIS PROPOSAL WAS AIMED AT MOST PRESSING NEEDS OF HARD-HIT LDC'S; COULD BE INSTITUTED WITH MINIMUM OF LEGAL ARRANGEMENTS; UTILIZED EXISTING INSTITUTIONS; REQUIRED MINIMUM OF INSTITUTIONAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUSTMENTS; MET THE CRITERIA OF ADEQUACY, IMMEDIACY AND PRACTICALITY; INCLUDED ONE-COUNTRY-ONE-VOTE CONCEPT; WAS POLITICALLY NEUTRAL; AIMED AT CHANNELING ASSISTANCE TO DEVELOPMENT PROPER AND AWAY FROM OTHER NEEDS; ALLOWED FOR BALANCE OF PAYMENTS SUPPORT AS WELL AS LONG-TERM AID. IRANIAN DELEGATE ASKED THAT OTHER COUNTRIES, BOTH OPEC AND DC'S, COME FORTH WITH ALTERNATIVES.

5. ALGERIA. PLUGGED FOR ALGERIAN PROPOSAL MADE IN PLENARY, PARTICULARLY 5TH POINT THIS PROPOSAL; STATED THAT THE PROPOSAL IMPLIED CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND (POL, FUEL AND PHARMACEUTICALS) TO BE SUPPLIED ON FAVORABLE TERMS, INCLUDING GRANTS IN SOME CASES; CALLED FOR LDC'S OBTAINING CREDITS ON FAVORABLE TERMS; THAT SPECIAL ASSISTANCE MAY BE NEEDED FOR 8 YEARS FOR HARD-HIT COUNTRIES; THAT THESE COUNTRIES SHOULD NOT BE REQUIRED TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL ON DEBT; THAT DC'S SHOULD PAY FOR RECRUITMENT OF TECHNICAL STAFF IN EDUCATION AND HEALTH; THAT DC'S SHOULD PROVIDE FOR LIBERAL

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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; THAT WHOLE EFFORT, COMBINING ALL ELEMENTS, TO BE OVERSEEN BY NEW AD HOC ORGAN OR BY RESTRUCTURING EXISTING UN ORGAN.

6. VENEZUELA. POINTED OUT THAT OIL EXPORTING COUNTRIES ARE ALREADY COMMITTED TO EXTENDING A CERTAIN VOLUME OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH UN SYSTEM OR THROUGH REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. NOTED THAT VENEZUELA

JUST TWO WEEKS AGO OFFERED \$500 MILLION TO LA DEVELOPMENT EFFORT, DIRECTED TOWARD EXPLOITATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FORMERLY THE EXCLUSIVE ACTIVITY OF THE TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. ALSO NOTED THAT VENEZUELA CONSIDERING A FORMULA FOR HANDLING THE PROBLEM OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN LA. FINALLY, NOTED THAT IT CONSIDERING IRAN'S PROPOSALS VERY SERIOUSLY.

7. INDIA. INDIA PROPOSED A SCHEMATA FOR THINKING THROUGH THE PROBLEMS OF RAW MATERIALS AND THE HARD-HIT COUNTRIES. FIRST, THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT ON A RECOGNITION OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM OR THE URGENCY TO DO SOMETHING. SECOND, THERE IS AGREEMENT THAT THE NATURE OF RELIEF IS TO NEUTRALIZE THE IMPACT OF RISING PRICES. THIRD, THERE IS THE QUESTION OF HOW TO FILL THE GAP, AND ALGERIA AND IRAN HAVE MADE PROPOSALS TO DO THIS. FOURTH, THERE IS THE QUESTION OF INSTITUTIONS TO DISPERSE EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, AND AGAIN ALGERIA AND IRAN HAVE PROVIDED THOUGHTS ON THIS. FIFTH, THERE IS QUESTION OF TIMING, AND HERE ALGERIA HAS NOTED THAT PERHPAS EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MAY BE NEEDED FOR EIGHT YEARS. INDIAN DEL PROPOSED THAT THIS SCHEMATA BE USED IN WG'S DELIBERATIONS.

8. US DELEGATE NOTED THAT ITEM 1 QUESTION WAS THE MAJOR ISSUE OF THE SPECIAL GA. HE STATED THAT OTHER MEASURES THAN THOSE ALREADY NOTED WERE POSSIBLE, IN PARTICULAR A DECREASE IN PRICES, ESPECIALLY FOR FOOD, FUEL AND FERTILIZER. HE NOTED THAT THE U.S. HAD ELIMINATED ITS CONTROLS ON WHEAT PRODUCTION AND THAT WHEAT PRICES HAD FALLEN 35 PERCENT OVER LAST FEW MONTHS.

9. OTHER COUNTRY STATEMENTS AS FOLLOWS: BRAZIL (ARGUED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT DC'S SHOULD MEET 1 PERCENT IDD AID TARGET); FRANCE (ARGUED THAT INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES); PERU (NOTED THAT DC STATEMENTS IN PLENARY WERE NOT HOPEFUL WITH REGARD TO MEETING ISSUES AND MAKING REAL PROGRESS); FRG (NOTED THAT EC-9 CONTINUES TO EXAMINE PROBLEM; MADE PLEA NOT TO FORGET EXPERIENCE OF EXISTING INSTITUTIONS); POLAND (ASKED FOR FLEXIBILITY WITH REGARD TO THE SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS.

10 COMMENT: WG SESSION VERY WELL ATTENDED AND DREW IMPORTANT DELEGATES DESPITE CONCURRENT MEETING OF AD HOC COMMITTEE. BASIC POSITION OF ALGERIA IS NOT TO SEP
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